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Speech at the launching of the 1971 Christmas Bowl Appeal

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SENATOR DAVIDSON, MR. TOLLEY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND I PERSONALLY ARE VERY PLEASED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN LAUNCHING THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL.

ANY COMMUNITY, AND ESPECIALLY AN AFFLUENT ONE, HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO THOSE IN NEED. THIS EXTENDS NOT ONLY TO THOSE IN OUR MIDST BUT TO PEOPLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES, OF OTHER RACES AND BELIEFS.

AUSTRALIAN WORLD CHRISTIAN ACTION HAS A FINE RECORD OF PROVIDING SUCH HELP THROUGH ITS EMERGENCY RELIEF AND THROUGH LONGER-TERM PROGRAMMES DESIGNED TO FIGHT THE SCOURGES OF MALNUTRITION, DISEASE AND IGNORANCE. THIS YEAR THE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL HAS SET ITSELF AN AMBITIOUS TARGET - AID OF \$1 MILLION TO BE USED AROUND THE WORLD, AS YOUR THEME STATES, TO HELP MEND SHATTERED LIVES.

I THINK IT APPROPRIATE THAT MUCH OF THIS WILL BE SPENT IN ASIA FOR WHILE WE HAVE A WORLDWIDE RESPONSIBILITY IT'S REASONABLE THAT WE SHOULD GIVE AN EXTRA THOUGHT FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS.

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AND IT'S IN THE ASIAN COUNTRIES, OF COURSE, THAT THE PROBLEMS ARE LARGEST AND NEEDS GREATEST.

MONEY RAISED HERE AND FROM OTHER SOURCES WILL GO TOWARDS SENDING DOCTORS, AGRICULTURALISTS AND TEACHERS TO ASIAN AND PACIFIC COUNTRIES AND SUCH PROJECTS AS REFUGEE RELIEF IN VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND INDIA.

IT'S A BROAD AND AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME. BUT THE PROBLEMS TO BE OVERCOME ARE IMMENSE AND I HOPE YOU'LL BE ABLE NOT ONLY TO REACH BUT SURPASS YOUR TARGET.

SO, I HOPE YOUR APPEAL FINDS A READY AND GENEROUS RESPONSE AMONG ALL SOUTH AUSTRALIANS NOT ONLY THOSE COMMITTED TO A CHURCH AND THAT BY THE TIME THE APPEAL CLOSES THE BOWL IS BRIMFUL.
